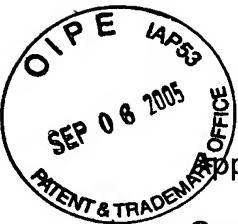


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 5, 2005, the period of response for which extension of time is requested by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

Amendments to the claims; and

Remarks are included following the amendments.